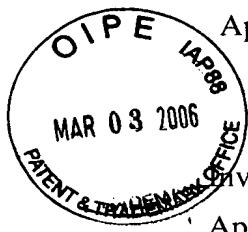


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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005, for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending March 13, 2006 was set, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing this response is timely.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.